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SUBJECT: GOE SHARES CONCERN OVER ZIMBABWE VIOLENCE

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1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel points on March 16 to Lourdes Puma Puma, MFA Director General for Multilateral Affairs. Puma expressed GOE's concern over the March 13 violence in Zimbabwe, noting that Ecuador has always spoken out against such violence. Puma described the attacks of peaceful demonstrators as a "clear violation of human rights". While she could not commit to any specific action in the Human Rights Council, she expressed her opinion that GOE will be willing to pursue all possible courses of action described in reftel. Puma promised to transmit our concerns to the GOE Mission in Geneva and to the highest levels of the Foreign Ministry as well. She expected GOE position to take shape by March 23.

2. (SBU) Post's Public Affairs section will encourage its contacts, with discretion, to bring public attention to the situation in Zimbabwe in Ecuadorian media.
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